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Serial No.: 09/345,659

Filed: June 30, 1999

Docket No.: PD-990066

For: DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION OF DOLBY DIGITAL
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Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ month(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.☒ No additional fee for claims is required.☒ The claims have been calculated and are shown below:

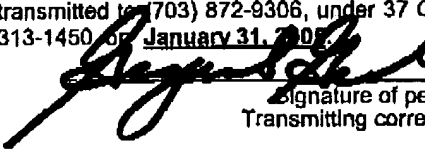
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	5*	=	0	x \$ 200.00	\$ -0-
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